



MINUTES

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT MEETING

February 23, 2024

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, District I
Mr. Matthew Durham, Chairman, District II
Mr. Don Mize, Vice Chairman, District III
Mr. Julian Davis III, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chairman Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met on Friday, February 23, 2024 at 9:00 AM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members [Mr. Hart absent], County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Clerk to Council, Jennifer C. Adams present.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum / 101.7 WGOG, Andrea Kelley / The Journal

Staff Present: Sheriff Mike Crenshaw, Ladale Price / Finance Director, Christy Hubbard / Oconee County Auditor, Phil Shirley / PRT Director

Call to Order:

Mr. Durham called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Durham asked for a moment of silence.

Invocation

Mr. Root, County Attorney, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Sheriff Mike Crenshaw led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Presentation

Tri-County Technical College Presentation – Dr. Galen DeHay / TCTC President

Dr. Galen DeHay, Tri-County Technical College President, addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled “TCTC Oconee County Council” [copy in backup] and provided a brief update related to the success of the college, student outcomes, Oconee Campus programs and apprenticeships, along with a student success story.

Council extended their thanks to Dr. Dehay and Tri-County Technical College for all their efforts toward student success in the community.

Lengthy discussion followed to address the topics listed below with various opinions offered:

- Annual Review
- Strategic Goals
- Additional matters/consideration related to budget development and County resources.

Ms. Brock addressed Council with the aid of printed documents and a PowerPoint presentation, which included “2023 Annual Review”, “2023 Oconee County Year in Review”, “Grants Summary”, “FY 2023-2024 Incomplete, Unadjusted & Unaudited Data (Grant List)” and “Millage Disbursement by Fund” [copies of all documents filed with backup materials].

Annual Review

Ms. Brock, County Administrator, addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled “2023 Annual Review” [copy in backup] and gave an extended presentation that included updating Council on the priorities they set forth in 2023.

Strategic Goals Discussion

Each Council member gave a brief overview of their Council priorities (Mr. Durham presented Mr. Hart’s priorities in his absence), while Ms. Brock categorized and displayed these priorities for Council.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, approved 4 – 0, directing administration to explore potential funding sources for “2024 Tier One Priorities” set forth by Council.

Adjourn: Mr. Elliott made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council